

Decision No. 43959

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY,  
a corporation, for Certificate that  
Public Convenience and Necessity  
requires that it exercise the rights  
and privileges granted it under fran-  
chise to construct and use an electric  
distribution and transmission system  
in the City of Santa Paula, County of  
Ventura, State of California in accord-  
ance with Franchise Ordinance No. 237  
of said city.

Application No. 30874

Bruce Renwick, Rollin E. Woodbury, and  
Harry W. Sturges, Jr., by Harry W. Sturges,  
Jr., for applicant.

O P I N I O N

Southern California Edison Company in this proceeding asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise granted by the City of Santa Paula, permitting the installation, maintenance and use of an electric distribution and transmission system upon the streets of said city.

The franchise referred to, a copy of which is attached to the application and designated as Exhibit "A," was granted by the city in accordance with the Franchise Act of 1937, and is of indeterminate duration. A fee is payable annually to the city equivalent to 2% of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise, but not less than one-half per cent of all sales of electricity within the limits of such city under said franchise and applicant's asserted constitutional franchise.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$76.90, excluding the filing fee of \$50 and \$6.80 for publication of notice of the hearing.

A public hearing on this application was held by Examiner Crenshaw on March 7, 1950, at which no objection to the granting of the certificate was manifested.

As this utility has for many years served electricity in and about the City of Santa Paula without competition, it is evident that the certificate applied for should be granted. ✓

The certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted is subject to the following provisions of law:

- (a) That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of the franchise involved herein or this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such franchise or certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State or to a political subdivision thereof as the consideration for the grant of such franchise, certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.
- (b) That the franchise involved herein shall never be given any value before any court or other public authority in any proceeding of any character in excess of the cost to the grantee of the necessary publication and any other sum paid by it to the municipality therefor at the time of the acquisition thereof.

O R D E R

Application as above-entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and hereby finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to Southern California Edison Company to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the City of Santa Paula by Ordinance No. 237 adopted April 18, 1949.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of March, 1950.

R. E. Anderson  
Justus F. Casper  
Frank H. Wells  
Harold P. Kels  
Herbert P. Potter  
Commissioners.